

General Delivery
Gabarus, Cape Breton
Nova Scotia B0A1K0

Gabarus Cemeteries Association

Association Profile

General Overview

The Gabarus Cemetery Association is located in the pristine village of Gabarus, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. It was formed on January 26, 1995 and incorporated later on that year on March 21, 1995. The main purpose of this Association is for the management and ongoing day-to-day operation of its cemeteries.

This is strictly a non-profit, volunteer organization whose members are from the Gabarus community at large. Records are kept in accordance with provincial tax laws governing all incorporated companies and recorded by the secretary and financial officer. They are in turn subject to an independent audit once a year.

The Association meets formally a minimum of twice a year, once in the spring and once in the winter. All other meetings are held on an as-needed basis. Throughout the year, work parties are formed to do any major maintenance work.

We have found it necessary to implement policies to better manage the Association and subsequently provide improved service and overall beautification of the cemeteries. They are outlined below.

Mission Statement

The goal of the Association is to provide perpetual care of the cemeteries, to keep them pristine in appearance so that the residents, their heirs, friends and subsequent visitors may look back on the past and view it with pride as a legacy to pass on to future generations.

Service Overview

The association provides for the ongoing maintenance and day-to-day operations of the cemetery that include, but are not limited to:

The selling of grave plots.

The mowing of the grass and cleanup of the same.

The procurement of additional lands as needed.

The mapping and identification of plots.
Supervision of the opening and closing of plot sites.
Provision for plot cleanup, additional fill and seeding after a burial.

Financial

The Gabarus Cemetery Association's funds come from donations, memorials, fees paid for cleanup of new plot sites and original fees charged for the plots.

Use of Proceeds

The proceeds are used to pay for the ongoing maintenance of the cemetery including, but not limited to, labour, gas, soil, and grass seed. The association plans to repair some fencing at the Church Cemetery, have new signage developed, mapping of the Lakeview Cemetery developed and erected ease of identification, and to plant some trees for the beautification of the Lakeview Cemetery in year 2000.

Policies

1. No fences to be permitted around plot sites.
2. No Gravel or subsequent stones allowed on plot sites.
3. No mound to be built up on plot sites.
4. No planting of trees and shrubs.
5. The family of the deceased are responsible for the initial cleanup of the plot site within 10 working days after the funeral. If you do not want to do this, simply contact the Gabarus Cemetery Association secretary at 902-884-2735. The secretary will make all arrangements to have it leveled, rocks removed, topsoil put down, and seeded. All of this for a service fee of only (\$100) one hundred dollars.

Benefits

The benefit of these changes will be immediate. They will allow for improved maintenance, improved appearance, improved communication, and identification of the various cemeteries and the plots of the Lakeview Cemetery.

Summary

We solicit your support in the adoption of these policies and your subsequent input. As the song goes, "***We are an island, a rock in the stream***" and after all, this is as much a part of you as it is for us living here and the ones who have gone before us, resting now in eternal peace.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

GABARUS CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION

- (A) To maintain and beautify both cemeteries each year, the Association organizes a community workday. On this day, as many members of the community as possible volunteer their time and tools to do the necessary repairs to the property after the ravages of the winter season. The summer seasonal maintenance – mowing the grass, clipping around the headstones and filling in deteriorating graves with topsoil and seeding – must be done on a regular basis. The Association hires someone for regular upkeep and it must be sure the funds are available for payment for this work.

- (B) To provide a common front to approach and interact for assistance in maintaining the graveyards. If at any time we wish to apply for a Government Grant, we should be incorporated, which we have already done. Our only means of obtaining financial assistance for maintaining the graveyards is from Memorial Donations we receive. We wish to be able to give the donors a receipt which can be used for income tax purposes. The Association provides a financial record of all monies received and a list of all expenditures for the year. This statement is posted for everyone to read and anyone may view the financial records at any time.